

COVID-END funding update

COVID-END Partners' Meeting 4 Nov 2021

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COVID-END

- COVID-END was formed in April 2020 as a **time-limited network** of international evidence synthesis, recommendation and intermediary organisations that came together in response to the ‘exogenous shock’ of the pandemic COVID-19 to promote collaboration and co-operation among the evidence community (and reduce inappropriate duplication of effort)

COVID-END funding (Phase 1)

- March 2020-December 2020 funded by:
 - Government of Ontario, CAN (re-purposed funding)
 - National Institutes of Health Research, UK
 - Philanthropists through the Centre for Effective Altruism and Fidelity Charitable and individual donors, USA
- Supported COVID-END global activities

COVID-END funding (Phase 2)

- December 2020 – November 2021 funded by Canadian Institutes for Health Research (COVID-END, SPOR Evidence Alliance, Cochrane Canada)
- Funding supported:
 - Canadian activities
 - Rapid syntheses requested by Canadian decision-makers
 - Evidence demand and supply coordination
 - Horizon scanning
 - Global activities
 - Inventory
 - Horizon scanning
 - Global partnership

COVID-END funding (Phase 2)

Achievements

- 86 new or updated evidence syntheses
- 12 living evidence syntheses
- Pool of 20 Canadians to provide citizen perspectives on syntheses
- Canadian evidence demand and supply coordination
- Bimonthly global and Canadian newsletters
- Monthly Canadian and global horizon scanning
- Maintained inventory (reduced noise to signal from 10,740 syntheses to 584 'best' evidence syntheses)
- Many more activities supported through the funding (partners' meetings, working groups, citizen engagement, COVID-END community and listserv, WHO ECC-19 secretariat)
- Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges

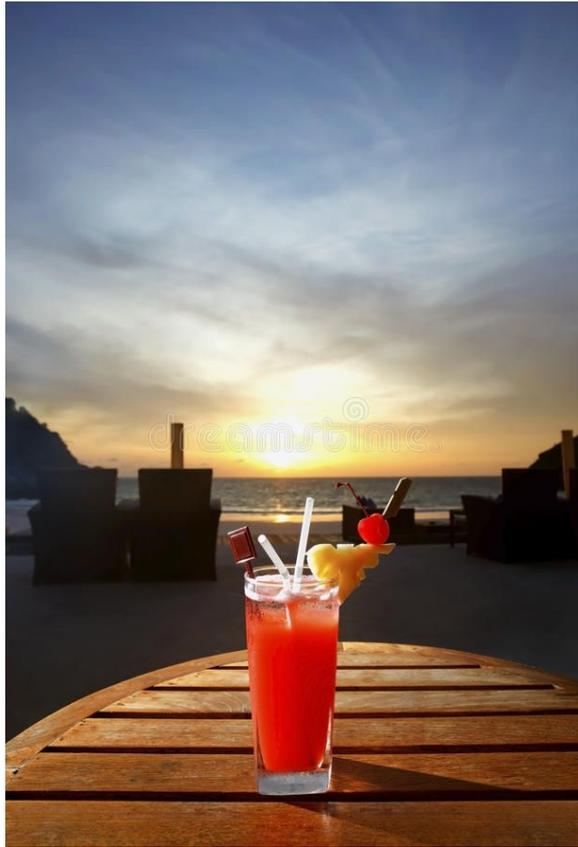
COVID-END funding (Phase 3)

- December 2021 – November 2022 (application pending) funding by Canadian Institutes for Health Research (COVID-END, SPOR Evidence Alliance, Cochrane Canada); largely a continuation of previous funding

- Key changes:
 - Maureen Smith added as a Co-PI
 - Less resource intensive horizon scanning
 - Some support for the Global Commission pathways to influence

 - Review of global partner activities

Beyond COVID-END (Dec 2022)



- John Lavis, Kaelen Moat, Ileana Ciurea, Safa Al-Khateeb, FP Gauvin, Jenn Verma, Michael Wilson, Jeremy Grimshaw, Andrea Tricco, Nancy Santesso, Maureen Smith all spotted on **DIFFERENT** beaches

Summary

- Good (?) news, ongoing funding for COVID-END Canadian and global activities
- Need to review activities and ensure sustainability of activities for the team.